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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Commissioner of Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 10, 2003

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask that the patent application enclosed herewith, which is called:


Improved Voting Device

be prosecuted as rapidly as possible because of the age of the applicant (86).

Please note that I have already been granted this status for another Application I have (copy of Granted Petition enclosed).

Enclosed please find an expired passport to verify the age of the applicant.

Very Truly Yours,



William S. Rouverol



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In re application of
William Spence Rouverol
Application No. 10/438382
Filed: May 16, 2003
For: GEARING WITH FUNCTION-SPECIFIC
MODIFICATIONS

: **DECISION ON PETITION**
: **TO MAKE SPECIAL**
: **(APPLICANT'S AGE)**
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This is a decision on the petition submitted on September 22, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.102 (c) to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age.

The petition is **GRANTED**.


An application may be accorded special status upon the filing of a petition providing evidence showing that the applicant is at least 65 years old. Such a showing may be provided by evidence such as a birth certificate or a statement from the applicant.

The evidence submitted with the petition is a copy of applicant's passport showing that he is at least 65 years of age.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt **bona fide** effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

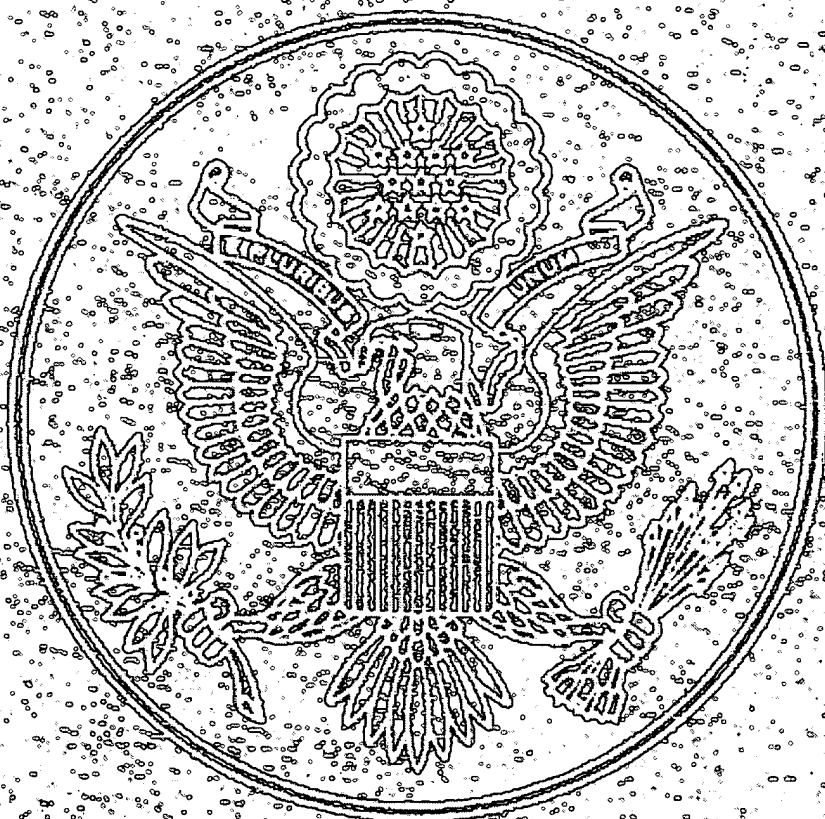
SUMMARY: Petition to Make Special **GRANTED.**



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HEIGHT - TAILLE 6 FEET 0 INCHES PIEDS 0 POUCES	HAIR - CHEVEUX BROWN	EYES GREEN GRAY	
WIFE / HUSBAND - EPOUSE / EPOUX X X X		EXPIRATION DATE DATE D'EXPIRATION MARCH 8, 1981	
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